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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS--INFORMATION PAPER ON INIS

SUMMARY: DG IS SUBMITTING INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (GOV/INF/286) TO FEBRUARY 25 BG ON SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM. THIS MEMORANDUM, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN DRAFT, SHOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. DG PROPOSES TO EXPAND INIS OUTPUT PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE MACHINE-READABLE ABSTRACTS IN ENGLISH, PUBLICATION OF INIS ATOMINDEX AS ABSTRACTING JOURNAL, AND EXPANSION OF CLEARINGHOUSE SERVICES. PROPOSED EXPANSION WILL INVOLVE SOME COST INCREASE, WHICH DG HOPES TO ABSORB FOR 1975, BUT WHICH IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE PROGRAM INCREASE FOR INIS IN 1976 BUDGET. DETAILS RE LATTER STILL UNDER REVIEW AND WILL BECOME KNOWN IN DUE COURSE IN CONTEXT 1976 REGULAR BUDGET PROCESS. MISSION ASSUMES US WILL SUPPORT DG'S PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. WHEN INIS WAS APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN 1972, BOARD REQUESTED THAT DG PROVIDE IT DURING 1975 WITH COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON OPERATION OF INIS IN YEARS 1972-74. THIS REPORT IS ATTACHED AS ANNEX II TO DG'S MEMORANDUM. REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF RECENTLY CONVENED SECOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INIS IS

ATTACHED AS ANNEX I.

2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NOTES THAT COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO CONGRATULATE AGENCY ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS MADE DURING 1972-74. RECORD SHOWS THAT INIS HAS PROVED:

A. THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO COLLECT INPUT ON COOPERATIVE BASIS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD;

B. THAT BY THIS DE CENTRALIZED METHOD IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING CLOSE TO 100 PERCENT COVERAGE OF WORLD LITERATURE IN A SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE;

C. THAT IS IS POSSIBLE TO TRAIN PEOPLE FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WITH MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO A PRESCRIBED SPECIFICATION;

D. THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BUILD A BIG SYSTEM WITH RELATIVELY SMALL EXPENDITURE OF THE IAEA CENTER AND KEEP BOTH EXPENDITURES AND STAFF MEMBERS OF CENTER APPROXIMATELY STABLE THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT PERIOD;

E. THAT AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM CAN UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF NATIONAL SYSTEMS THAT ARE COOPERATING WITH IT;

F. THAT AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM CAN PROVIDE SERVICES PUNCTUALLY.

3. DG NOTES THAT, IN ADDITION TO SIMPLY REVIEWING OPERATIONS OF INIS, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALSO RESPONDED TO DG'S INVITATION TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON DIRECTION WHICH INIS SHOULD TAKE OVER NEXT 3-4 YEARS. COMMITTEE MADE SEVERAL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, OF WHICH DG HAS SINGLED OUT THREE FOR SPECIAL COMMENT.

4. THESE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATE TO INCORPORATION OF MACHINE-READABLE ABSTRACTS IN INIS, PUBLICATION OF PRINTED ABSTRACTING JOURNAL AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE SERVICE FOR SUPPLYING DOCUMENTS COMBINED EFFECT OF ACCEPTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE TO WIDEN UNCLASSIFIED

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RANGE OF INIS OUTPUT PRODUCTS, WHICH IN FUTURE WILL CONSIST OF:

A. MAGNETIC TAPES CONTAINING MACHINE-READABLE ABSTRACTS, IN ADDITION TO BIBLIOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF EVERY NUCLEAR SCIENCE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED AS INPUT BY EVERY PARTICIPANT IN INIS, AND A SUBJECT INDEX THERETO;

B. A TWICE-MONTHLY PRINTED ABSTRACTING JOURNAL CONSISTING OF AN EXPANDED VERSION OF INIS ATOMINDEX, WHICH WILL REPLACE PRESENT SERVICE FOR PROVIDING ABSTRACTS ON MICROFICHE; AND

C. A CLEARINGHOUSE SERVICE FOR SUPPLY OF COPY OF ANY DOCUMENT REPORTED AS INPUT TO INIS.

5. ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DG RECOGNIZE THAT THESE STEPS TO INCREASE USEFULNESS OF INIS TO MEMBER STATES WILL INVOLVE SOME COST INCREASES BOTH FOR COOPERATING NATIONAL INIS CENTERS AND FOR AGENCY. AGENCY ASSUMES THAT, IF SUBMISSION OF MACHINE-READABLE ABSTRACTS REACHES ABOUT 90 PERCENT AT BEGINNING OF 1976 AND THAT COVERAGE IS ON ORDER OF APPROXIMATELY 80,000 ITEMS PER YEAR, ESTIMATED COST INCREASE TO BE BORNE BY NATIONAL INIS CENTERS ALREADY SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS IN ENGLISH WILL BE IN RANGE OF 8-10 PERCENT. COST INCREASE CLEARLY WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER FOR CENTERS THAT WILL HAVE TO BEGIN PREPARING ABSTRACTS IN MACHINE-READABLE FORM IN ENGLISH FOR FIRST TIME. AS FOR AGENCY, COST INCREASE OF OPERATING INIS WITH WIDER RANGE OF OUTPUT PRODUCTS IS ESTIMATED TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 MORE FOR CY 1975 THAN NOW ESTIMATED IN 1975 REGULAR BUDGET. DG FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF BRIDGING GAP BY SAVINGS ELSEWHERE IN BUDGET, AND PLANS REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FROM BOARD LATER THIS YEAR TO MAKE NECESSARY TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY SECTIONS. ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR INIS IN 1976 ARE PRESENTLY BEING WORKED OUT AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN DRAFT BUDGET ESTIMATES TO BE CIRCULATED DURING COURSE OF NEXT MONTH.

6. DG ALSO NOTES THAT AGENCY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE INCREASED REVENUE FROM SALE OF OUTPUT PRODUCTS THAT WILL, IN DUE UNCLASSIFIED

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COURSE, SHARPLY OFFSET SOME OF THESE INCREASES IN

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EXPENDITURE. DG ALSO NOTES THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT US AUTHORITIES INTEND TO CONSIDER DISCONTINUING PUBLICATION OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE ABSTRACTS ONCE INIS ATOMINDEX HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN ABSTRACTING JOURNAL. DG FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF CHARGING HIGHER SUBSCRIPTION PRICE FOR INIS ATOMINDEX ABSTRACTING JOURNAL ONCE NATIONAL SCIENCE ABSTRACTS IS NO LONGER PUBLISHED.

7. COMMENT: MISSION NOTES THAT INIS HAS FINALLY REACHED STAGE WHERE IT CAN, IF THIS PROPOSED EXPANSION OCCURS, EASILY DEVELOP INTO THE WORLD'S ONLY COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM. IF US IS SATISFIED WITH THE OUTPUT PRODUCTS, IT IS CLEAR THAT NUCLEAR SCIENCE ABSTRACTS WILL GO BY THE WAYSIDE, AT AN ANNUAL SAVING TO THE U.S. ON THE ORDER OF \$1 MILLION. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE U.S. AND THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BECOME DEPENDENT ON INIS FOR THEIR NATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN NUCLEAR FIELD. QUITE ASIDE FROM THE MERITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL POOLING OF RESOURCES TOWARD A COMMON OBJECTIVE IN WHICH EVERYONE SHARES, THIS DEPENDENCE ON INIS WILL OFFER ANOTHER PRACTICAL MOTIVE AND STRONG INCENTIVE ON THE PART OF MANY MEMBER STATES, BOTH ADVANCED AND DEVELOPING, FOR INSURING THE SURVIVABILITY OF A STRONG AND VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS WILL SERVE TO REINFORCE U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THE SAFE-GUARDS AREA, IN WHICH WE HAVE A STRONG INTEREST.

8. ONE OF THE BIG PROBLEMS IN THE PAST HAS BEEN TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET UNION TO ADOPT ENGLISH AS THE COMMON ABSTRACTING LANGUAGE, SINCE THEY OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INCUR SUBSTANTIAL TRANSLATING COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH INPUT PREPARATION. THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY ARE

NOW PREPARED TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION AND CAN BE EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE TO GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO INIS AND TO THE
DG'S PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDING ITS OUTPUT PRODUCTS. WE ASSUME
THE U.S. ALSO WILL SUPPORT THE DG'S PROPOSAL. END COMMENT.PORTER

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